

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

June 14, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-156

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Privately Owned Landfill  
Norton, Massachusetts

Subject: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN PRIVATE SECTOR

Region I (Philadelphia) was informed at 11:00 a.m., that TV station reporters arrived at the landfill area while NRC Region I inspectors, a town of Norton representative, USGS representatives, and a Massachusetts representative were examining the area. The NRC inspectors and accompanying personnel were evaluating plans for core drill sampling in the landfill at the time of news media arrival. Three preliminary hand augered core samples were obtained by USGS personnel. The inspectors are being interviewed by the TV station.

Media interest is expected because of past media coverage of the previous NRC activities at the landfill. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been informed. A press release is not planned by NRC.

NRC, Region I, received notification of this occurrence by telephone from a Region I inspector at the landfill.

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